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EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

<i>No. District.</i>	<i>Name of Committee.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Paid 7.	George D. Watson, bal. due on 1877 warrant,	233 12
19.	William P. Abbott, do., do.,	314 35
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		\$547 47
1.	Henry F. Bean, 1878 warrant,	171 66
2.	Simon L. Horne,	140 81
3.	John F. Hayes, in part,	181 50
4.	Isaac D. Hodgdon,	146 20
5.	Elihu H. Watson,	130 35
6.	George Roberts,	149 64
7.	George D. Hussey, in part,	280 00
8.	Charles A. Giles,	2,782 76
9.	Nathaniel Shorey,	174 77
10.	Solomon D. Avery,	184 12
11.	Henry W. Peasley,	183 36
12.	Joseph M. Hanson,	225 19
13.	George F. Pinkham, in part,	44 00
14.	Dan'l M. Henderson,	129 31
15.	Wm. H. Vickery,	169 46
16.	Charles F. Hayes	97 30
17.	Charles E. Hodgdon,	120 12
18.	Charles W. Dame,	135 36
19.	Wm. P. Abbott,	618 19
20.	C. Henry Weeks,	88 61
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		\$6,700 18

SPECIAL TAXES

Assessed by order of School Districts, and paid over
to the Districts.

Paid Philander Varney, District No. 7,		300 00
Joseph W. Ham, " 6,		30 00
Wm. P. Abbott, " 19,		25 00
Nathaniel Shorey, " 9,		250 00
John Whipple, " 3.		40 00
Rochester Savings Bank, note of District 8, on brick school house,		1,260 00
Do. interest "		425 00
Nathaniel Burnham, for Dist. 8, new school house,		1,000 00
C. A. Giles, for Dist. 8,		2,579 41
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		\$5,909 41

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

No. of District.

Paid	1.	Amasa Allen, Surveyor, 1876,	19 25
		Chas. F. Roberts, " '77,	85 50
		John A. Tebbetts, " '78,	162 75
	2.	Thomas C. Hoyt, " '77,	9 62
		John W. Clark, " '78,	32 50
	3.	John W. Tebbetts, " '77-78,	665 98
	4.	John Bickford, " " "	195 37
	5.	Jonas M. Plummer, " " "	162 52
	6.	John F. Torr, " " "	137 25
	7.	Solomon Evans, " " "	479 06
	8.	John Legro, " '77,	316 07
		Selectmen, acting " '78,	948 84
	9.	Enoch Chamberlin, " '77,	10 90
		J. Edwin Nichols, " '78,	17 62

No. of District.

Paid	10.	Paul Libbey, Surveyor,	1877,	10	12
		Albert M. Horne,	" '78,	70	61
	11.	John F. Worcester,	" '77,	28	25
		James M. Murray,	" '78,	146	00
	12.	Fernando Gale,	" '77,	67	25
		Patrick Flanagan,	" '78,	178	80
	13.	Wm. J. Roberts	" '77,	61	25
		Jas. W. McDuffee,	" '78,	177	50
	14.	John S. Hayes,	" '77-'78,	2,231	18
	15.	Jacob Clark,	" '77,	3	75
		Geo. F. Hodgdon,	" '78,	114	45
	16.	Levi Meader,	" '77,	60	00
		Benj. F. Hayes,	" '78,	272	00
	17.	S. M. Woodward,	" '77-'78,	59	12
	18.	T. D. Pickering,	" '77,	34	25
		Hiram S. Osborn,	" '78,	119	74
	19.	J. Edwin Chesley,	" '77-'78,	51	00
	20.	John S. Calef,	" "	162	68
	21.	Eli Meader,	" '77,	23	60
		Bickford Rand, jr.,	" '78,	175	08
	22.	James T. Higgins,	" '77,	15	60
		Charles E. Estes,	" '78,	76	35
	23.	Lewis Garland,	" '77,	22	50
		Edward O. Smith,	" '78,	45	75
	24.	J. W. Ham,	" '77,	46	82
		Charles H. Seavey,	" '78,	62	50
	25.	John W. Hall,	" '77,	17	13
		Joseph N. Hayes,	" '78,	51	00
	26.	William Flagg,	" '77-'78,	88	57
	27.	Gilman A. Pearl,	" '77,	61	47
		Azariah Pearl,	" '78,	157	87
	28.	Hanson Evans,	" '77-'78,	138	15
	29.	William M. Hart,	" "	65	75
	30.	John Whipple,	" '77,	15	00
		Isaac H. Twombly,	" '78,	122	87
	31.	Charles W. Dame,	" '77,	30	75
		Wm. H. Woodes,	" '78,	55	25
	32.	Albert J. Parshley,	" '77-'8,	135	52

No. of District.

Paid	33.	S. Wentworth, Surveyor, 1877-8,	36	80
	34.	Jacob K. Bickford, "	84	05
	35.	A. H. Gear, " '77,	41	90
		Samuel Ham, " '78,	166	34
			\$8,827	80

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD BILLS.

Paid	J. B. Howe, grate and iron work for snow-	
	plow,	5 85
	P. & R. R. Co., freight on cement pipe,	4 00
	Asa P. Roberts, work on new road,	3 00
	James H. Corson, work on culvert,	4 00
	Geo. D. Watson, post and setting for guide-	
	board,	1 00
	Charles F. Horne, surveying to widen roads,	5 00
	John Bickford, supporting watering trough,	3 00
	Timothy Noyes, land to widen street at East	
	Rochester, and removal of buildings,	1,200 00
	Henry K. Roberts, bridge plank,	12 13
	John Clough, damage by blasting rocks,	5 00
	George A. Pickering, stone for crossing by	
	Dodge's,	47 00
	J. D. Jenkins, shoveling snow on Page hill,	75
	Reuben Tilton, 2 inch plank,	95 43
	E. G. & E. Wallace, lime,	6 25
	John Greenfield, work on Dodge's crossing,	8 75
	A. U. Nason, plank for Gonic bridge,	51 07
	" team used on Charles-st., '77,	3 00
	Charlotte Flagg, land to widen Flagg road,	30 00
	D. F. Davis, use of land 2 years at wash-out	
	on French road,	3 00
	Wm. Bell, land damage to widen River-st.,	100 00
	A. T. Cotton, for one-half of sidewalk,	16 50

Paid Clarence Howard, work on stone crossings,	12 00
George T. McDuffee, do., do.,	15 00
Geo. Bradford, drawing stone for crossings,	13 16
John Greenfield, stone for Meserve sidewalk,	9 12
Dominicus Hanson, one-half of sidewalk,	15 00
G. W. Fernald, surveying to establish grade,	4 00
Wm. Rand, land damage for Bradley and Furber street,	400 00
J. Edwin Chesley, bridge material,	41 60
Silas H. Dame, one-half of sidewalk,	13 00
Veranus Horne, " "	15 00
M. H. Wentworth, watering trough,	3 00
Eli Blaisdell, half of sidewalk by store,	21 50
Hanson Evans, watering trough,	3 00
F. C. Manson, work on sewer,	75
John Howard, clearing crossings,	1 00
S. H. Dame, carting stone,	12 50
F. K. Howard, moving wall to widen road,	12 00
Bedfield Meserve, difference as to half of sidewalk,	1 89
D. McDuffee & Co., damage to cart on Hanson-st.,	2 00
J. B. Moore, railing by McDuffee's market,	2 50
Hanscom & Co., plank and lumber,	32 95
D. F. Davis, land to widen road,	50 00
Frank McDuffee, for Davis, half of sidewalk by Meader's,	5 63
Amasa Allen, railing highway,	6 00
C. K. Chase, half of sidewalk,	28 00
Wm. Flagg, work to widen Flagg road,	32 06
D. J. Sanborn, work near Walker bridge,	2 25
James Corson, plank,	88 64
Veranus Horne, work on crossings,	10 50
Nath'l Cross, land damage through field, " " " for H. M. Jones	265 00
and lot fencing,	60 00
George Roberts, watering trough,	3 00
" posts and setting for guide- boards,	3 00

Paid Willard Nutter, moving wall to widen road,	9 75
J. H. Edgeley, 8 guide-boards,	10 00
E. T. Yeaton, work trimming trees in village,	2 00
Charles T. Yeaton, " "	5 00
A. S. Parshley, 3 days " "	6 00
Wm. M. Hart, watering trough,	3 00
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	\$2,825 53

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid D. Hayes & Son, 2 cords wood del. P. Hurd,	9 88
John F. Torr, 2½ " "	10 00
Wm. H. Kenney, fitting 4½ cords " "	9 75
Jas. Walker, groceries for D. Blanchard fam.,	9 27
W. S. Standley, " G. B. Jenness "	3 00
L. B. Moulton, " "	10 00
F. P. Wentworth, rent for J. Barker's fam.,	24 00
Geo. Bradford, half cord wood del. W.B. Ellis,	2 50
John O. Sleeper, groceries " "	5 00
F. Greenfield, 6 cords wood del. Ed. Adkins family,	24 00
Sam'l Roberts, rent for " "	84 00
Rochester Grange, No. 86, groceries " "	5 52
John O. Sleeper, " "	11 62
John F. Torr, 1 cord wood " "	4 00
P. H. Hartigan, groceries " "	6 00
L. B. Moulton & Co., " "	4 00
George B. Stiles, 7 ft. wood " "	3 00
D. Hayes & Son, wood and groceries, " "	22 88
M. B. Hartford, wood del. Melinda Roberts,	5 00
John F. Torr, " "	6 00
Philander Varney, groc's del. P. Stone's fam.,	20 47
" " J. Riley's " "	9 01
Mildey Corson, care of Mrs. Stone,	7 00
Lawrence Flood, 52 weeks aid,	104 00

Paid Cornelius & Ellen Mahoney, 1 yr. aid,	93 00
D. Hayes & Son, wood del. Ed. Maxfield,	2 63
Daniel Huckins, " "	4 50
Rochester Grange, groceries "	5 00
Lucinda L. Tebbetts, care of Henry Smith,	20 00
J. D. Evans, aid for Fannie Pickering,	52 00
Parshley & Walker, pro. del. C. Lawson fam.,	6 51
W. S. Standley & Co., groceries "	102 18
" Sarah F. Maxfield,	5 00
Lyman Wingate, shoes "	85
Rochester Grange, gro. del. Frank S. Dodge,	5 00
L. B. Moulton, " John A. Ellis,	8 11
John A. Ellis, cash to bury Olive Ellis,	5 00
J. H. Edgerly, coffin for Olive Ellis,	6 00
Dr. J. Farrington, doctoring "	75
A. U. Nason, wood del. Abigail Horne,	2 00
D. Hayes & Son, " "	2 75
Parshley & Walker, pro. del. Billy Hoyt,	87
C. W. Howe, med.	1 00
Walter H. Frye, mattress "	4 00
John Hurd, care of "	10 00
Ann M. Hurd, "	13 00
J. H. Edgerly, coffin for "	8 00
L. B. Moulton & Co., gro. del. B. C. Ellis,	5 00
Addie C. Britts, aid,	5 00
G. A. Swain, 1 cord wood del. W. H. Randall,	4 75
L. B. Moulton, groceries "	5 04
Isaac Jacobs, moving Bennett children,	15 00
C. H. Hayes, ticket for blind man to Conway,	2 15
C. W. Brown, " J. Mahoney to Augusta,	3 50
" family to Worcester,	9 00
" for sick man to Portland,	1 50
" woman to Worcester,	3 00
Dominicus Hanson, rent for Ed. Maxfield,	10 00
A. S. Parshley, care of 36 tramps,	6 50
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	\$828 39

TOWN POOR.

Paid Nute Brothers, goods del. George A. Drew,	6 70
" James M. Jenness,	7 01
L. B. Moulton & Co., " Paul O. Gray,	77 92
Rochester Grange, " George A. Drew,	16 57
George Bradford, wood del. Isaac Jenness,	2 50
John F. Torr, " "	10 00
D. J. Folsom, " "	6 90
D. Hayes & Son, " "	3 94
John O. Sleeper, goods del. C. F. Wentworth family,	10 00
N. C. Webster, rent for do.,	8 00
Eli Beede, wood del. Job Otis,	5 00
L. B. Moulton & Co., goods del. G. A. Drew,	2 24
T. E. Burnham & Co., " "	6 05
S. H. Wentworth, keeping transient woman,	1 50
Nute Bros., crackers and cheese for tramps,	10 92
Mrs. F. C. Hayes, robe for Billy Hoyt,	3 60
James Hurd, burial of " "	4 00
B. A. Sherwood, funeral of " (by his demand)	5 00
W. S. Standley, goods del. Wm. H. Canney,	20 05
John J. Evans, wood del. Paul O. Gray,	3 00
A. T. Cotton, school books for " children,	58
John Greenfield, moving Maggie Ellis to County Farm,	2 50
County Comm'r's, board at County Farm, viz:	
Sarah A. Hurd and child,	130 00
Ruth Sanborn, insane,	130 00
G. Frank Page, son of George W. Page,	78 00
" clothing,	8 25
	550 23

BOUNTY ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

Paid James H. Corson, bounty on 1 hawk,	20
Isaac B. Jenness, " 1 "	20
Amos Gale, " 2 foxes,	1 00
Stephen Jackson, " 3 "	1 50
G. N. Howard, " 1 hawk,	20
J. D. Richardson, " 1 "	20
Charles W. Varney, " 1 "	20
Orrin J. Howard, " 4 "	80
Willie H. Roberts, " 1 "	20
F. M. Chisholm, " 2 "	40
Alonzo Hartford, " 2 "	40
Arthur P. Roberts, " 2 "	40
C. W. Varney, " 1 "	20
Amos Gale, " 2 foxes,	1 00
Charles I. Pinkham, " 1 hawk,	20
Joseph Warburton, " 1 fox,	50
Samuel F. Felker, " 1 "	50
Richard H. Foss, " 1 hawk,	20
Paul A. Hurd, " 8 foxes,	4 00
S. H. Wentworth, " 8 "	4 00
F. H. Crocker, " 2 "	1 00
S. F. Varney, " 1 "	50
Horace H. Mills, " 1 hawk,	20
F. L. Peavey, " 1 "	20
Joseph Warburton, " 2 "	40
George A. Bickford, " 1 "	20
F. L. Peavey, " 1 "	20
Alonzo H. Foss, " 2 "	40
F. K. Howard, " 1 "	20
Isaac B. Jenness, " 1 "	20
Wm. H. Vickery, " 1 "	20
Wm. W. Corson, " 4 "	80
W. O. Charles, " 3 "	60
Frank E. Bean, " 2 "	40
George Leighton, " 1 fox,	50
Meshach Wingate, " 4 hawks,	80
W. W. Corson, " 2 "	40

Paid Hoyt Wentworth, bounty on 10 hawks,		2 00
Wm. Vickery, " 1 fox,		50
W. W. Corson, " 1 hawk,		20
George W. Bickford, " 1 "		20
Walter S. Howard, " 1 "		20
Charles S. Hartford, " 1 "		20
Henry Foss, " 3 "		60
Charles Willey, " 3 "		60
S. H. Wentworth, " 1 fox,		50
A. M. Hartford, " 3 hawks,		60
Charles I. Pinkham, " 5 "	1	00
S. H. Wentworth, " 1 fox,		50
Willie Roberts, " 3 hawks,		60
Daniel G. Ricker, " 2 "		40
James McDuffee, " 5 "	1	00
Sidney Wilson, " 4 "		80
		\$33 40

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid G. Hill Hayes, drawing machines to Gonic,	1	50
B. Corson, putting in reservoir E.Rochester,	82	97
I. B. Williams & Sons, repairing hose,	19	00
Hunneman & Co., suction hose and repairs,	160	00
Geo. S. Roberts, poles for H. & L. truck,	4	00
L. B. Moulton, oil for Cochecho Co.		70
" " Torrent Co.,		46
Rust Bros. & Bird, alcohol,		5 20
James H. Edgerly, 3 whippletrees,		2 00
Moses B. Hartford, 2 cords wood,		10 00
Hugh Wilson, fitting wood for Cochecho Co.,	1	00
Asa Jackson, " " Torrent Co.,		2 00
F. W. Edgerly, repairs on H. & L. house,		11 00
Stephen Brock, watching at fire,		1 50

Paid C. E. Clark, machinist's repairs,	8 20
James M. Hartford, work on hose,	5 45
Eugene Smart, 25 keys,	5 15
Jas. Corson, plank and timber for reservoir,	12 70
W. P. Ela, goods for H. & L. Co.,	20 50
" stove for Tiger Co.,	15 00
" broom and brush for Hose Co.,	1 15
" stove for Cochecho Co.,	10 50
J. T. Dodge, team furnished chief,	5 75
M. V. B. Wentworth, repairs,	3 75
Burley Hall, 18 spanners,	7 20
Benj. Wentworth, labor for Torrent 5,	3 25
John Burke, watching at fire,	2 00
W. S. Lewis, 2 Engineer's badges,	3 25
S. F. Sanderson, chamois skin,	80
P. H. Hartigan, refreshments for firemen,	4 28
" oil, lantern, &c.,	1 00
J. F. Eldridge, rubber suits,	42 75
Hugh Wilson, labor for Hose Co.,	3 00
J. W. Roberts, " Cochecho Co.,	3 50
J. W. Thompson, "	4 25
B. F. Dickson, 40 keys,	6 00
F. O. Dewey, lanterns,	11 19
Hugh McIntire, work for Torrent Co.,	1 35
George F. Willey, trucking hose, &c.,	2 65
Seth F. Corson, rep. reservoir E. Rochester,	3 40
F. C. Manson, work for Tiger Co., '72,	5 87
C. E. Clark, labor on machines,	39 10
Manchester Locomotive Works, air chamber,	31 52
Seth F. Corson, repairing Torrent 5 house,	5 20
P. H. Hartigan, refreshments 2 Co.'s at fire,	13 58
Veranus Horne, sinking reservoirs,	59 50
B. & M. R. Co., freight on hose,	1 08
Paul A. Hurd, painting and materials,	3 65
L. B. Moulton, goods del. Cochecho Co.,	5 38
C. H. Horne, work on Cochecho machine,	2 50
Nahum Littlefield, repairing hose,	3 50
A. U. Nason, lumber,	5 85
John W. Clark, wood,	6 75

Paid C. W. Howe, sponge,	1 10
Hunneman & Co., lanterns and globes,	10 25
C. H. Jackson, sawing wood H. & L. Co.,	1 75
Rust Bros. & Bird, alcohol,	5 10
Torrent Co., No. 2, services,	400 00
" " 5, "	400 00
Tiger " 3, "	400 00
Cochecho " 1, "	400 00
Resolute Hook & Ladder Co., services,	200 00
Pioneer Hose Co.,	" 100 00
W. S. Standley & Co., oil, matches, &c.,	7 94
F. H. Orr, work on H. & L. house,	1 50
F. W. Edgerly, "	1 12
First Nat. Bank, Gonic, brick for reservoir at East Rochester,	23 35
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	\$2,624 94

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Michael Cassidy, special police, March and Nov. elections,	7 00
Charles F. Horne, do., election and Fair,	10 00
John B. Howe, hinges for lockup,	4 00
D. Hayes & Son, wood for "	2 57
Nute Bros., crackers, &c., "	2 85
Mrs. C. W. Parker and Deborah Canney, witness fees,	1 54
Wm. G. Otis, special police, Nov. election,	3 00
M. B. Richardson, " "	3 00
C. T. Clark, wood for lockup,	2 25
Hiram Waldron, special police, March and Nov. elections, and Town Fair,	14 00
John Collins, special police,	4 00
L. B. Moulton, police '77,	8 50

Paid J. P. Lovell & Sons, 2 prs. policeman's twisters,	3 00
J. W. Tebbetts, teams for officers,	3 50
John H. Pingree, bal. police bill '77,	15 00
E. A. Willard, special " Mar. election and Town Fair.	13 00
M. V. B. Wentworth, repairs on lockup,	1 50
J. S. Norris, special police March election,	4 00
S. C. Shannahan, "	4 00
John E. Meader, "	4 00
George A. Walker, " " '77,	6 00
Holmes Reed, " " "	13 50
John R. Jenness, watching Town Fair,	3 00
J. F. Trickey, special, March '78,	4 00
John Crockett, "	12 00
W. P. Ela, stoves for lockup,	16 35
J. H. Meserve, lumber to repair lockup,	7 54
George F. Willey, repairing lockup,	15 05
J. Wentworth, teams for officers,	8 00
Charles W. Dame, wood for lockup,	2 00
L. B. Sampson, police services '77,	50 00
John F. Sanders, crackers for lockup,	60
John Young, witness fee,	2 45
Wm. B. Kennard, special, March '78,	4 00
L. D. Yeaton, fitting wood for lockup,	60
Edward L. Tebbetts, special at Town Fair,	6 00
Thomas McCrillis, services as police,	37 50
Isaac A. Willey, " "	37 50
L. B. Sampson, on police acct.,	50 00
George F. Willey, "	45 00
Wm. B. Kennard, services as police,	75 00
W. S. Lewis, repairing lockup key,	30
S. J. Cilley, services as police,	45 00
Stephen Brock, watching Town Fair '77,	6 00
Sarah Hartford, witness fees at Dover, Fur- bush case,	2 45
Mrs. L. D. Yeaton, " "	2 45
Mrs. W. C. Tufts, " "	2 45
Lewis D. Yeaton, " "	2 45

Paid Ann Collins, witness fees at Dover, Hugh McIntire case,		2 45
James Collins, "	"	2 45
Thomas Lane, "	"	2 45
M. E. Lane, "	"	1 25
Ann Collins, "	" John Mc- Intire case,	2 45
M. E. Lane, "	"	1 25
Thomas Lane, "	"	2 45
James Collins, "	"	2 45

Paid County Comm'r's, board and turnkeys at
Dover jail, prisoners sent by police court
as follows:

James G. York, 37 days,	13 72
Benjamin Ellis, 66 "	24 07
James G. York, 87 "	32 07
Irene L. York, 21 "	8 50
Benjamin Ellis, 2 "	1 22
Eugene McCarty, 54 "	20 33
Irene L. York, 8 "	3 36
James G. York, 8 "	3 36
John R. Smith, 13 "	5 64
Frank Trafton, 4 "	2 43
Maggie Ellis, 44 "	16 72
Frank Smith, 10 "	4 58
James G. York, 53 "	19 43
James G. York, 34 "	12 65
	168 08
	\$753 18

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Worcester & Nashua R. Co., freight,	60
B. & M. R. Co., freight on lanterns and posts, 25	20
Globe Gas Light Co., 60 lanterns, posts and setting,	674 75

Paid B. & M. R. Co., freight on 5 posts,	1 80
Charles W. Dame, with team, setting posts,	14 00
A. S. Parshley, time and expense twice to Boston, contracting for lights,	14 00
Do. 4½ days work on lights,	9 00
Globe Gas Light Co., Boston, running lights from June 16, '78, to Feb. 28, '79, at \$1,50 per light per month, everything found by company, and all repairs made by them as per contract,	751 88
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	1,491 23

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Silas Hussey, on C. P. Hussey note—int'st,	70 00
B. F. & J. O. Hayes, note and interest,	529 17
Hannah D. Willey,	983 20
Ralph B. Palmer,	167 86
Caroline A. Walker,	112 00
John B. Francis,	873 34
John McDuffee, trustee, note and "	1,119 89
Hannah D. Willey, interest,	52 42
Lyman A. Evans, note and interest,	196 78
Emma B. Stillings,	315 00
Frank McDuffee, trustee, note and int'st,	3,218 00
Lucy Watson,	1,064 17
Charles Greenfield,	975 80
Zenas H. Nute,	323 60
Nath'l Burnham,	559 34
Catherine H. Graham,	121 92
Charles Willard,	641 95
Moses Chamberlin,	481 94
Enoch Chamberlin,	548 56
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	\$12,354 94

DOG DEPREDATIONS.

Amount collected as dog tax, \$300.

Amount of bills presented, so that a percentage of 58 cents on the dollar only can be paid.

Paid Charles W. Evans, 1 sheep,	2 90
John Bickford, 3 " and damage,	6 96
M. E. Corson, damage,	10 00
Lewis F. Downs, 2 sheep,	4 64
Moses Wallingford, damage,	5 00
Charles Willand, 3 sheep,	4 06
John F. Torr, 11 " and damage,	34 80
John Pearl, 15 turkeys,	8 70
Nath'l L. Shorey, 1 sheep,	2 03
Asa P. Roberts, 1 "	2 03
Luke Tebbetts, 1 " and 6 fowls,	4 64
George Roberts, 20 turkeys,	6 38
Cyrus K. Curtis, 2 sheep,	3 48
John R. Roberts, 2 ducks, (sitting,)	1 74
James T. Nutter, 1 sheep,	2 32
Joseph Wingate, 20 fowls,	7 96
Charles Tebbetts, 1 sheep and damage,	4 64
Joseph N. Hayes, 1 "	1 74
James Quimby, 5 fowls,	1 45
Enoch Willand, 2 sheep,	3 77
A. U. Nason, 10 "	17 40
D. J. Sanborn, 7 turkeys, .	4 06
J. Edwin Chesley, 5 sheep and damage,	14 50
Paul Libbey, 3 "	6 09
John W. Blaisdell, 7 fowls	2 03
Asa P. Hull, 1 sheep,	2 32
Geo. T. Downing, 7 "	13 92
Benj. Chesley, 3 "	5 80
Ezekiel Wentworth, 3 fowls,	1 04
Jacob Clark, 6 sheep,	11 31
John McLeod, 1 "	2 32
John W. Smith, 6 turkeys,	3 48

Paid Dan'l M. Henderson, 11 sheep and damage,	23	20
H. K. Roberts, 3 sheep and 10 turkeys,	15	66
John Legro, damage to colt,		29 00
Geo. L. Stackpole, "		29 00
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		\$299 37

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid L. B. Moulton, putting up desk in town hall,	4	50
Agnes Elliott, damage rec'd by fall on Teb-		
betts Avenue,		350 00
E. H. Twombly, recording 4 deeds,		2 60
George G. Berry, printing,		2 00
J. F. Brock, trucking,		3 10
I. W. Lougee, record of births and deaths,		4 75
Thos. J. Sweatt, " " "		4 75
Charles Blazo, " " "		3 00
C. K. Sanborn, pd. for printing case for court,	12	00
George G. Berry, printing,		7 00
J. Frank Reed, burying a horse,		1 50
John R. Varney, copies and order of notice on		
pet. for guardian for James M. Young,		2 00
E. F. Gage, record of births and deaths,	1	00
Jas. Farrington, " " "		9 25
M. R. Warren, " " "		4 00
B. W. Sargent, " " "		4 75
F. P. Virgin, " " "		2 75
J. H. Wardwell, services as school com. '77,	61	00
Edgar E. Foss, damage to horse breaking		
through Gonic bridge,		22 50
O. B. Warren, for Sampson Post, G. A. R.,	100	00
L.F.Davis & Frank Murray, damage to team		
going over embankm't below S. Meserve's,		60 00
J. F. Brock, damage to horse on Summer-st.,	20	00
A. S. Parshley, insurance,		102 00

Paid John W. Dame, circles for well-drops,	5 00
E. J. Lane, inventory and blank books,	11 61
E. J. Mathes & J. H. Edgerly, Auditors, '77,	12 00
C. W. Folsom, printing appointment record book for town clerk,	10 00
Do., printing check-lists, town and school reports, blanks, &c.,	142 75
John B. Moore, blacksmith work,	2 50
T. E. Burnham & Co., hardware, oil, &c.,	7 76
S. F. Varney, selling Ricker lot in '77,	5 00
J. S. Calef, dinners for surveying party, '77,	1 67
S. H. Dame, trucking, &c.,	3 50
N. Brock, repairs on Torrent house and town hall,	2 50
Geo. W. Fernald, perambulating Farmington town line,	3 50
T. E. Burnham & Co., hardware, powder, &c.,	15 05
C. K. Sanborn, services on complaints and warrants,	28 00
M. H. Osgood, winding and rep'g town clock,	21 00
A. T. Cotton, stationery and blank books,	3 05
“ services as town clerk,	130 00
Geo. D. Pike, tending passway Mar. elec. '77,	4 00
M. R. Warren, town doctor,	150 00
Ezekiel Ricker, for land taken on Maple-st.,	28 85
John Howard, sanding sidewalks,	1 58
John Greenfield, services as collector,	450 00
C. K. Sanborn, services for town, '77,	70 50
B. W. Sanborn, general laws and blank book,	6 00
Allen Twombly, peramb'g Somersworth line,	2 00
C. H. Graham, for 2 posts returned,	33
Jona Wentworth, teams per order Selectmen,	15 75
Worcester & Gafney, services as lawyers,	212 00
F. P. Virgin, services as town doctor,	50 00
George E. Durgin, costs in court,	130 50
Paul A. Hurd, setting out 26 elms,	35 75
Geo. D. Pike, damage to wagon and harness,	5 15
E. J. Lane & Co., pamphlet laws, '78,	1 00
Solon A. Carter, treas., State tax,	5,648 00

Paid Harry Hough, treas., County tax,	8,460 00
John H. Wardwell, school committee,	35 00
Chas. W. Dame, serving notices on town of Farmington, and running town line,	4 00
" serving notices on town of Somersworth, and running town line,	4 00
" moving Malinda Jenness to Co. farm,	2 50
" " Richard Auty and wife,	3 00
" " one man,	2 50
" " Willey boy,	2 50
" " Loflem girl,	3 00
" time and exp. to Alton, pauper case,	2 75
A. S. Parshley, services as town treasurer,	100 00
" preparing invoice books,	6 00
" time and exp. to Dover to settle county tax,	2 00
" to Concord to settle State tax, and draw State money,	8 00
" notices of hearings, 2 road pet's,	2 00
" return on 3 highway petitions,	3 00
" 6 notices of town line peramb's,	2 00
" depositions in 12 pauper cases,	10 00
" time and exp. 6 times at Dover to see Comm'r's, and court business,	12 00

	\$16,665 15

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

To taking inventory,	75 00
Making taxes,	75 00
Recording and distributing road lists,	15 00
" " school lists,	12 00
" " collector's lists,	10 00
" " counterpart,	25 00

To assessing tax in school district No. 8,	30 00
" " 3,	6 00
" " 6,	5 00
" " 7,	8 00
" " 9,	6 00
" " 19,	8 00
Enrolling militia,	12 00
Enumerating school children,	30 00
" town population,	20 00
Revising jury box and drawing jurors,	12 00
Settlement with collectors,	12 00
Appointment of town officers,	25 00
Keeping dog account,	5 00
Overseers of the poor,	40 00
Copy of counterpart for Co. Comm'rs,	20 00
Warrant for Nov. election,	10 00
Making and revising Nov. check-list,	35 00
Making up Co. acc'ts and settling with Comm'rs,	12 00
Hearings on 4 road petitions,	30 00
Looking after wid'g streets at E. Rochester, Furber road, &c.,	30 00
Examining roads and bridges,	60 00
Return of railroad stock to Sec. of State,	5 00
Making up town acc'ts and settling with Auditors,	36 00
Warrants for town election,	10 00
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	\$679 00

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, CR.

By amt. brought forward, viz :

John S. Calef's note,	57 18
John F. Twombly's "	450 00
Cash in hand and on deposit,	14,864 67
	————— 15,371 85

Rec'd of John F. Twombly, interest on note,	120 15
C. S. Ela, fine and costs, Hurlburt vs. Lane,	7 83
Mrs. C. H. Graham, 10 fence posts,	1 66
L. B. Sampson, court fees in Burnham case,	2 00
" " Howe case,	4 43
Murray's circus, license,	10 00
Veranus Horne, 93 ft. plank,	1 20
N. Y. Comedy Co., license,	1 00
County Treas., costs paid in C.W. Howe case,	7 46
" " James Jenness " 4 16	
" " Samuel Howe, " 4 12	
A. W. Hayes, hall license for Bidwell troupe,	1 00
State treasurer, insurance tax,	3 75
" railroad tax,	988 66
" savings bank tax,	4,601 45
" literary fund,	401 45
J. H. Worcester, bal. due as police judge,	10 03

County for aid paid by town, viz :

Billy Hoyt,	36 87
William H. Randall,	9 79
Patience Hurd,	29 63
David Blanchard,	9 27
George B. Jenness,	13 00
James Barker's family,	24 00
Walter B. Ellis,	7 50
Edward Adkins' family,	165 02
Malinda Roberts,	11 00
Peter Stone,	32 47
James Riley's family,	9 01
Lawrence Flood,	104 00
Cornelius & Ellen Mahoney,	93 00
Edward Maxfield,	22 13

Rec'd of County for aid paid by town, viz :

Henry Smith,	20 00
Fannie Pickering,	52 00
C. Lawson family,	108 59
Sarah F. Maxfield,	5 85
Benj. Ellis,	8 00
Frank S. Dodge,	5 00
John A. & Olive Ellis,	28 11
Abigail Horne,	4 75
Addie Britts,	5 00
Henry Laflem,	75
Transportation paid for paupers,	34 15
Lodging 157 tramps,	39 25
Worcester & Gafney, fees paid in suit with ex-members of Torrent 5 Engine Co.,	26 50
Amt. taxes due in G. L. Stackpole's list '73,	76 95
" " John Greenfield's " '76,	400 00
" " " list '77,	4,933 19
Amt. raised in Henry Kimball's list, 1878,	44,911 79
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	\$72,768 80

RECAPITULATION.

Paid School Department,	6,700	18	
Special School Districts,	5,909	41	
County Paupers,	828	39	
Highway Surveyors' orders,	8,827	80	
Miscellaneous Road Bills,	2,825	53	
Town Poor,	550	23	
Bounty on Foxes and Hawks,	33	40	
Fire Department,	2,624	94	
Police Department,	753	18	
Street Lights,	1,491	23	
Notes and Interest,	12,354	94	
Miscellaneous Bills,	16,665	15	
Selectmen's Bills,	679	00	
Dog Depredations,	299	37	
Abatements in G. L. Stackpole's list, '73,	47	95	
" John Greenfield's " '76,	94	80	
" " " '77,	349	98	
" Henry Kimball's " '78, viz:			
By order of court, N. P. Mfg. Co.	1,091	32	
Not collectable,	370	17	
Amount due in John Greenfield's lists, '76-7,	182	51	
" Henry Kimball's list, 1878,	8,107	80	
In hand to balance, viz:			
John S. Calef's note,	57	18	
Cash on hand and on deposit,	1,924	34	
	—	1,981	52
		\$72,768	80

March 10, 1879. We have examined the foregoing accounts, and the Treasurer's cash account, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and find due from the Treasurer to the town of Rochester, the sum of nineteen hundred twenty-four dollars and thirty-four cents. (\$1,924 34.)

Signed, E. J. MATHES,
 JAS. H. EDGERLY, } Auditors.

OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

James Graham,	433 92
John F. Torr,	1,000 00
Sarah F. Rogers,	200 00
Pardon R. Francis,	1,000 00
Charles P. Hussey to Silas Hussey,	700 00
Hulda Page,	268 82

	\$3,602 74

Taxes ordered for 1879, outside of town appropriations:

State tax, 5,648 00
 County tax, 7,050 13
 School District 8, on brick school house,
 note \$1260 00 and interest.
 " " new school house, note \$1,000.00
 and interest.

ADAMS FUND ACCOUNT, CR.

Amount brought forward from last year, 51 07
 Rec'd interest on investments of \$9,700, 618 00

	\$669 07
Paid Charlotte Place,	12 00
Eliza A. Downs,	12 00
Elizabeth McFarland,	12 00
Ann Selman,	12 00
Ann Clark,	12 00
Mary A. Smith,	12 00
Mary Burnham,	12 00
Deborah Canney,	12 00
Abigail I. Ricker,	12 00
Elizabeth Hayes,	12 00
Betsey R. Daggett,	12 00
Sarah E. Bickford,	12 00
Judith Clark,	12 00
Mary E. Nutter,	12 00
Loisa W. Chadbourn,	12 00
Susan G. Roberts,	12 00
Susan A. Davis,	12 00
Mercy Ramsbottom,	12 00
Ann Jenkins,	12 00
Abby Jenness.	12 00
Dorothy Jenness,	12 00
Susan Clark,	12 00
Rebecca Rogers,	12 00
Abby Nutter,	12 00
Abigail Ham,	12 00
Sarah Hussey,	12 00
Olive Corson,	12 00
Patience Hurd,	12 00
Adelaide Place,	12 00
Sarah Earl,	12 00
Margaret Tuttle,	12 00
Patience Wentworth,	12 00
Harriet G. Kimball,	12 00

Paid Fannie Pickering,	12 00
Eunice Brackett,	12 00
Juda Hurd,	12 00
Rebecca Horney,	12 00
Eliza S. Moore,	12 00
Esther Yeaton,	12 00
Lydia Hurd,	12 00
Mary A. Crawford,	12 00
Louisa Corson,	12 00
Abigail Henderson,	12 00
Melinda Roberts,	12 00
Nancy Smith,	12 00
Betsey Smith,	12 00
Hannah M. Hall,	12 00
Rebecca Tebbetts,	12 00
Lovey Hoyt,	12 00
Addie R. Wentworth,	12 00
Hepsibah Hurd,	12 00
For collecting, investing and looking after money,	20 00
Amount in hand to balance,	34 07
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	\$669 07

March 10, 1879.

We have examined the foregoing account, and find it well vouched and correctly cast, and remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, thirty-four dollars and seven cents.

Signed, E. J. MATHES,
 JAS. H. EDGERLY, } Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. PARSHLEY, } Selectmen
JOHN GREENFIELD, } of
CHAS. W. DAME, } Rochester.

The Selectmen for the year 1879, desire to give notice that they will be in session on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock, at the office of A. S. Parshley, for the purpose of receiving bills, and drawing orders on the Treasurer.

A. S. PARSHLEY,
HERMAN W. ROBERTS,
JOSEPH O. HAYES,

} Selectmen
of
Rochester.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Superintending School Committee
FOR THE TOWN,
AND FOR
SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 8,
IN THE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1879.

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, March 12, 1879.

At the annual town meeting, on presentation of the Report of the School Committee, the following vote was passed:

Voted, That the Report of the Superintending School Committee be printed with the Town Reports.

Attest, ALBERT T. COTTON, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

For the most part the schools for the year have been as profitable as could have been expected with our present school policy. Quite a number, under the management of teachers of experience and energy, have been unusually successful. Many, however, have been otherwise,—in some instances not giving satisfaction to the Committee, in others, not to Committee or citizens. Sometimes the fault was mostly the teacher's, sometimes mostly the citizen's.

School District No. 12 received little profit from the Winter term; and for it little blame can attach to the teacher. She was a lady of experience, energy and culture, and had taught the Summer term in this District with a good degree of success. Why the Winter term should have been less successful, there seems to us no other reason than an apparently predetermined purpose on the part of some of the larger boys to seek opportunities to annoy the teacher and disturb the school. We are sorry to believe that, at times, they did not receive, from all sources, that degree of disapproval which their course merited. Citizens should remember that the losses occasioned by poor schools, fall more heavily upon themselves than upon the teachers, and should therefore be extremely careful that no word or deed of theirs tends to lessen the usefulness of their schools.

In District No. 3, the teacher for the Winter term, though possessed of good literary qualifications, had not sufficient

tact and energy to govern well or instill his pupils with a love and relish for study.

Districts Nos. 17 and 19 have derived little benefit from their schools during the whole year. In the former, the employment of the Prudential Committee's wife as teacher, caused a lamentable division in the district. This division the teacher entirely failed to overcome. The result was that the money was expended to little advantage to the district. The Grammar department of the latter the teacher failed to make a profitable school. In its present condition it is very difficult for any teacher to manage with any credit to himself or profit to the pupils. It is ungraded and impossible to grade as at present constituted. Each pupil pursues about such studies as his, or his parents' inclinations, dictate. The teacher consequently has upon his hands at least twice the number of daily recitations he can do justice to. For this reason the school work is necessarily superficial; and of all places, superficiality is most pernicious in the school-room. Though the teacher cannot be held wholly responsible for this multiplicity of daily recitations, yet if possessed of the requisite amount of firmness and decision, he can remedy the evil in a measure.

We believe these are more than the usual number of school failures, but more or less occur every year. The success of our schools depends mainly upon the proper selection of teachers. This responsible duty devolves entirely upon the several Prudential Committees, who generally know little of the fitness of teachers for the particular schools to which they are to be assigned. Indeed, efficient and inefficient teachers stand nearly equal chances to get employment in our common district schools.

Is there not some remedy for this? We believe there is. Our Statutes provide that "any town may at any time abolish the school districts therein," and that the whole town "shall then be considered as one school district;"

that "school districts composed of the whole town shall, at their annual meeting, elect a board of education who shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of superintending and prudential school committees," that this board "shall consist of three, six or nine persons," to be chosen for three years, and that the terms of service of one-third of this board shall expire annually.

We think the efficiency of our schools would be much enhanced by availing ourselves of these provisions, and entrusting the entire care and management of our schools, including the selection of teachers, to a board of education. We would have the board consist of not less than nine of our citizens, who are best qualified to take upon themselves this very important trust, of whom not more than one-third should superintend the schools or receive pay for their services. The office of superintending and prudential committees, which ought never to have been separate, would then be united. This would give the board the advantage of the knowledge possessed by those who visit and superintend the schools in reference both to the peculiarities and necessities of the several schools, and also to the qualifications and fitness of teachers for them. This knowledge, it will be admitted, must necessarily be the most intelligent and reliable that can be had upon those points. Teachers would then be selected with some degree of intelligence. Those who are efficient would be better appreciated and their services retained, and those who are inefficient would find it far more difficult to secure schools, or to long retain them when secured. We should certainly have fewer poor schools, and less waste of school money.

This plan has another advantage, and a very important one, too. The length of like grades of school would be uniform from year to year throughout the town. They could then be graded and classified as are the village schools. A strict supervision of the schools could then

be instituted, the number of daily recitations much reduced, and the work of each term specified as to quality and quantity. This would remedy to a very great extent the superficiality which now prevails in the district schools and destroys half their usefulness.

The school district system has long ago disappeared in nearly all the towns of Massachusetts; is fast disappearing in our own State, especially in the towns and cities which manifest the deepest interest in educational matters.

Is it not high time for its disappearance in Rochester, that it may give place to a better school policy?

HENRY KIMBALL, } Superintending
EZEKIEL TRUE, { School Committee.

No. of District.	TERMS.	Length of Terms in weeks.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teachers per month.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.
1	Summer	9 4-5	Nellie M. Prouty.....	\$24 00	15	10
"	Winter	13	George A. Knox.....	33 00	17	14
2	Summer	10	Mattie A. Horne.....	26 00	8	7
"	Winter	11	do.	26 00	9	7
3	Summer	7 3-5	Mary E. Mason.....	27 00	41	36
"	Fall	5 2-5	do.	27 00	36	30
"	Winter	9	George L. Hobbs.....	30 00	38	27
"	"	4 3-5	Mattie N. Hanson.....	20 00	38	27
4	Summer	8	Lillie K. Hodgdon.....	24 00	4	3.5
"	Winter	13	Daniel F. Jenness.....	24 00	9	8.2
5	Summer	8	Nellie F. Wentworth	20 00	6	6
"	Winter	14 3-5	Emma F. Watson.....	22 00	7	6
6	Summer	11 3-5	do.	20 00	13	12.5
"	Winter	11 3-5	Arthur J. Seavey.....	24 00	14	13.5
7	Summer	12	Clara N. Hussey.....	34 00	47	40
"	Fall	12	do.	34 00	34	31
"	Winter	15	do.	36 00	42	36
9	Summer	9	Mary L. Jenkins.....	26 00	33	31.4
"	Winter	14	Celia A. Wentworth..	28 00	36	34
10	Summer	8	Lizzie M. Young.....	26 00	23	21
"	Fall	8	do.	28 00	22	19.7
"	Winter	10	Mary E. Mason.....	28 00	20	16
11	Summer	9	Mrs. Juliet D. Ward..	28 00	37	30
"	Winter	13.7	Frederic W. Jenkins	34 00	29	22
12	Summer	11 3-5	Alma E. Seavey.....	24 00	39	27
"	Fall	6	do.	24 00	29	26
"	Winter	11 2-5	do.	32 00	27	19
13	Summer	8	Mary L. Jenkins.....	22 00	6	5.5
"	Winter	17	do.	21 00	6	6
14	Summer	7	Etta A. Hanson.....	24 00	7	6.5
"	Winter	15	do.	22 00	10	9.2
15	Summer	7 4-5	Ida A. Bickford.....	30 00	11	9.8
"	Winter	14	do.	30 00	12	10.2
*16	Summer	8	Mrs. Carrie A. Bennett	30 00	9	7.6
"	Fall	10	do.	26 00	11	9.6
"	Winter	7 3-5	do.	29 00	11	8.5

*United with District in Milton.

No. of District.	TERMS.	Length of Terms in weeks.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Wages of Teachers per month.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.
17	Summer	8	Mrs. E. J. Hodgdon...	\$26 00	12	10.2
"	Fall	9	do.	26 00	4	2
18	Summer	7 3-5	Mary A. Cushing.....	28 00	10	7
"	Fall	12 3-5	do.	24 00	8	6
†19	Spring	11	Kate Gerrish.....	24 00	46	40
"	Fall	14	Mrs. J. F. Furbush...	20 00	43	30
"	Winter	13	do.	24 00	46	30
†19	Spring	11	L. Emilus Grant.....	28 00	60	43
"	Summer	8	do.	28 00	43	26
"	Fall	6	do.	28 00	38	33
"	Winter	13	do.	36 00	50	27
20	Summer	6	Emma F. Cole.....	20 00	9	7.5
"	Fall	11	do.	20 00	8	5.3

†Primary Department.

‡Grammar Department.

No. of District.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.						
	No. Scholars En- rolled.	No. attending to Reading & Spelling	To Penmanship.	To Arithmetic.	To Geography.	To Grammar.	To the Higher En- glish.
1 Henry F. Bean.....	18	18	13	15	10	13	..
2 Simon L. Horue.....	9	9	7	7	6	5	3
3 John F. Hayes.....	48	48	33	35	29	32	..
4 Isaac D. Hodgdon.....	9	9	6	8	3	7	6
5 Elibu H. Watson.....	7	7	4	5	3	3	..
6 George Roberts.....	17	17	10	12	9	10	..
7 George D. Hussey.....	56	56	45	47	40	42	1
9 Nathaniel Shorey.....	37	37	25	30	28	29	4
10 Solomon D. Avery.....	25	25	19	15	10	8	6
11 Henry W. Peasley.....	42	42	22	20	15	10	6
12 Joseph M. Hanson.....	47	47	25	38	31	33	8
13 George F. Pinkham.....	6	6	4	5	4	5	4
14 Daniel M. Henderson.....	10	10	6	6	5	4	..
15 William H. Vickery.....	12	12	10	11	5	6	3
16 Charles F. Hayes.....	11	11	9	9	7	6	5
17 Charles E. Hodgdon.....	12	12	7	10	8	7	2
18 Charles W. Daine.....	11	11	7	9	6	7	3
19 William P. Abbott.....	145	145	40	101	66	54	1
20 C. Henry Weeks.....	10	10	5	6	4	2	..

FINANCIAL.

No. of District.	Tuitons and Balances from last year.	Amount of money required to be raised by law.	*Amount otherwise obtained.	Amt paid Teachers, incl'g board.	Miscellaneous Ex-penses.	Balance on hand.	Amount expended for each Scholar.
1	....	\$ 92.66	\$79.00	\$163.91	\$ 7.75	....	\$ 9.54
2	....	61.81	79.00	136.50	4.31	....	15.65
3	\$ 4.72	127.59	79.00	185.00	26.22	\$.59	4.40
4	.77	67.20	79.00	126.00	17.52	3.45	15.95
5	1.77	51.35	79.00	122.50	9.31	.31	18.83
6	....	70.64	79.00	132.00	9.50	8.14	8.32
7	2.01	396.85	79.00	339.00	74.47	64.39	7.38
9	.85	95.77	79.00	156.50	17.53	1.59	4.70
10	....	105.12	79.00	178.00	6.12	....	7.36
11	7.92	104.36	79.00	176.90	14.19	.19	4.55
12	4.98	146.19	79.00	204.00	18.18	7.99	4.73
13	12.93	52.32	79.00	183.25	5.50	5.50	23.12
14	....	50.31	79.00	123.20	6.11	....	12.93
15	....	90.46	79.00	165.00	2.00	2.46	13.91
16	.07	18.30	79.00	82.15	11.45	3.77	8.51
17	2.00	41.12	79.00	110.50	9.50	2.12	10.00
18	4.29	56.36	79.00	134.00	5.50	.15	12.68
19	25.18	539.19	79.00	506.00	67.12	70.25	3.26
20	....	9.61	79.00	85.50	3.11	....	8.86

*Each item in this column is obtained by adding the following numbers:

Each District's proportion of the \$500 extra money raised, \$25.00
 " " Literary Fund, - - - 23.47
 " " Railroad Tax, - - - 26.53
 " " Dog Money, - - - 4.00

Dist. No. 3 raised \$40 for permanent repairs and expended \$39.50
 " 6 " 30 " " " 30.00
 " 7 " 300 " " " 385.00
 " 19 " 25 " " " 25.00
 " 9 paid 250 on their indebtedness, leaving a balance now due of \$400, and about two years interest on face of notes.

R E P O R T
OF
SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT No. 8,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1879.

Few changes of importance have transpired during the year past. Two, however, may be mentioned, viz: The time for promotions was changed from Spring to Autumn, thus bringing the long vacation at the close of the year, where it should properly come.

Main-st. Primary school has also been divided, and a new school established on Pound-st. The school was divided according to the location of pupils,—all below Wentworth and Academy streets being sent to the new school. The long over-crowded condition of Main-st. school had occasioned so much anxiety and annoyance to all concerned, it being impossible to manage it satisfactorily, that it was a matter of great rejoicing when the new school was fairly domiciled in its new quarters. The new house is commodious and pleasant; the school has been under excellent instruction and is in a prosperous condition.

The year opened with a large attendance. The district now embraces nine schools. Of these the Intermediates and Grammar were crowded, and all were large

enough with the exception of the High School. But throughout the year there has been an unusual amount of sickness. Especially has this been the case during the Winter term just ended, and we have had in consequence a greatly reduced and irregular attendance.

We deem it fortunate that promotions are not to be made next term. We trust, however, that coughs, colds and measles will take their flight with winter, and the beginning of a new term will find our school-rooms all full again; though we remember with sad regret that some will never return to us.

Old school-houses still remain with us—precious reminders of the past,—and their declining years have been made comfortable and cheery, with repairs. Still, they are outgrown garments, and we would gladly hang them away in the attic of memory.

The same teachers have been employed as in the previous year, and have performed their duties not less faithfully. Comparing school-room work and the advancement made by pupils this year, with that of previous years since our connection with the schools as Committee, we think some progress has been made.

Penmanship has been more systematically taught within the last two years, and with far better results. Decided improvement has also been made in Map Drawing. More attention has been given to Composition and Language, the good effects of which are clearly manifest in recitation. This is a matter which is receiving far more attention in our best schools than formerly. One of the most important characteristics of school-room training, should be that of teaching the pupil to use his own tongue with accuracy and force. We believe the pupil should be trained as carefully in this as in mathematics. Neglect here can rarely be atoned for. Habits of speech and of expression are among the hardest to change. There has also been some improvement in Reading, though not all we could

wish. Some of our Primaries have done good work in this direction, and we are hopeful for the future.

The newspaper brings to us almost daily reports from School Committees and Superintendents in other towns and States, and from teachers' institutes and conventions, both State and national; reports both stimulating and encouraging, for they indicate a deeper and more practical interest in the common schools. Never before has there been such sharp criticism and comparison of methods and results in educational matters as to-day. It is plain that the fruits of the past have not been altogether satisfactory, and that there is a demand for reform and progress, which is one of the most hopeful signs of the times.

Frequent visits to the school-room during the past year has convinced us that there is as great need of improvement in our own schools as elsewhere. To confess this plainly, is to put ourselves in the right attitude to seek for it. We want freshness and originality of methods, instead of mechanical routine;—less memorizing and more reasoning. The true object of education is to enlighten the understanding and develop the mind. The pupil should be taught to comprehend rather than memorize. The successful teacher of to-day, cannot be found among those who are content to follow along in the old "ruts," using the methods of the fathers.

An eminent Superintendent, in a recent Report, says—"There is no stand-still in education." No one can be a true teacher who is not also a true scholar.

It is the desire of our hearts to see our schools take rank among the foremost in the land; if they do so, it must be through faithful, persevering effort, on the part of all concerned. Let our aim be "Higher."

SUSAN M. WARREN,
EZEKIEL TRUE,
HENRY KIMBALL, } Superintending
 } School
 } Committee.

SCHOOLS.	Whole Number of Pupils.						Average Number Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. Attendance.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	For the year.	Boys.	Girls.			
High School.....	30	36	29	45	18	27	30	28	94
Grammar School...	81	101	91	111	52	59	86	81	94
Main-st. Inter.....	52	58	47	57	29	28	53	48	91
Wakefield-st. Inter.	50	55	54	74	40	34	49	46	94
Portland-st. Prim.	47	44	45	54	25	29	41	37	90
Pound-st. "	50	47	40	50	25	25	44	34	77
Main-st. "	48	52	45	56	32	24	48	44	92
Wakefield-st. "	60	46	37	66	35	31	37	35	95
Maple-st. "	68	62	48	69	34	35	55	51	93
Total.....	486	501	436	582	290	292	443	404	91

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	WAGES.
<i>High School.</i> { Frank P. Shepard,	- - -	{ \$1000 per year.
} Sarah C. Horne, Assistant,	- - -	{ \$40 per month.
<i>Grammar School.</i> { James W. Applebee,	- - -	{ \$800 per year.
} Mrs. J. W. Applebee, Ass't,	{ \$32 per month.	
<i>Main-st. Intermediate.</i> —Ida B. Nute,	- - -	\$36 "
<i>Wakefield-st.</i> " —M. Josie Ham,	- - -	\$36 "
<i>Main-st. Primary.</i> —Mary E. Avery,	- - -	\$32 "
<i>Wakefield-st.</i> " —Ida B. Cate,	- - -	\$32 "
<i>Maple-st.</i> " —Mrs. Mary J. Langley,	- - -	\$32 "
<i>Pound-st.</i> " —Mrs. M. E. Reynolds,	- - -	\$32 "
<i>Portland-st. School</i> —Emma D. Webber,	- - -	\$32 "

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1878-9.

1. Whole No. of different pupils enrolled during the year,	582
2. Average No. of pupils belonging to the schools,	443
3. Average daily attendance,	404
4. Per cent attendance,	91
5. No. weeks school in Summer and Fall,	24
6. " " " Winter,	12
7. " " " for the year,	— 36
8. No. of schools,	9
9. No. weeks taught by males, (2 schools, 36 weeks each,)	72
10. No. weeks taught by females,	312
11. No. visits by Sup'g School Committee,	155
12. No. pupils attending to Reading and Spelling, 578; Penmanship, 355; Arithmetic, 315; Geography, 275; Grammar, 242; U. S. History, 56; General History, 14; Geometry, 4; Algebra, 23; Book-Keeping, 23; Philoso- phy, 4; Chemistry, 4; Astronomy, 3; Physiology, 17; Physical Geography, 14; Latin, 42; Greek, 5.	

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Balance from last year,	\$549 68
Amount required to be raised by law,	2,662 17
" raised by vote of District,	2,500 00
" received for tuitions	62 67
 Total receipts,	 <hr/> \$5,774 52

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid teachers and committees,	4,496 41
for fuel, supplies, &c.,	434 00
repairs,	179 19
	<hr/> \$5,109 60
Balance on hand,	664 92
Average amt. expenditure to each enrolled scholar,	8 78

COST OF POUND STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

Lot purchased of E. G. & E. Wallace,	\$500 00
Work, materials, &c., by building committee,	2,040 67
Seats for one room, not included in last item,	200 00
Interest on money hired,	17 94
 Total,	<hr/> \$2,758 61

On the above, payments have been made as follows:

Amt. raised in '78 and paid building com.,	\$1,000
" " for seats purchased by	
Prudential Committee,	200
Received for old lumber, &c.,	8 61
	<hr/> 1,208 61
Present indebtedness for this house,	\$1,550 00

Indebtedness 1 year ago for Maple and Portland-street school-houses. Principal, 2,520 00
Accrued interest to Dec. '78, 425 00

\$2,945 00

Paid on principal, 1,260 00
" interest, 425 00 1,685 00

Present indebtedness for the two houses, 1,260 00

Total indebtedness for school houses, \$2,810 00

